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ONE PENNY.

RABBIT COURSING.

MACCLESFIELD.

Mr. SHAW, of the Green Man, Macclesfield, has received another deposit for the match between C. Mitchell's Tabot, of Macclesfield, and J. Leach's Beas, of Congleton, the heat of 21 courses, Beas having one rabbit allowed, for £6 a side, which comes off at Knutsford on Monday next, Feb. 23. Mr. Simon to be final stakeholder and referee.

Mr. J. BARKLEY, of Bellington, has received £1 a side for a match between G. Crowder's Lady, and W. Hyde's Lady, both of Macclesfield, to run the heat of 21 courses, 50 yds. law, for £5 a side, at Gorton, near Manchester, neither dog to exceed 15lb. weight. Mr. Barrow to be final stakeholder and referee.

SHEFFIELD.

MATCH FOR £20.—At Newhall Gardens, on Monday, a rabbit coursing match took place, for £10 a side, between Thompson's Jaque, of Melton, and Beattie's Tot, of Swinton, the heat of 21 courses. Jaque gave two dead rabbits, and won the match, getting eleven to Tot's eight.

At the above gardens, on Monday, James Phoenix, Ball Inn, Pond-street, gave £3 10s. to be coursed for by dogs of all sizes; entrance, 2s. each; dogs not exceeding 17lb. in height entered for 7s. each. First prize, £2 10s.; second, 15s.; third, 10s. There were thirty-eight dogs entered, the first heat being won by Hobson's Dutch, second heat by Hardy's Rose, and third heat by Smith's Spark.

On Monday, at Cremorne Gardens, Joseph Barker, Greyhound Tavern, Pinfold-street, gave £3 10s. to be coursed for by dogs of all sizes; entrance, 2s. each; dogs not exceeding 17lb. in height entered for 1s. 6d. each. First prize, £2 10s.; second, 15s.; third, 10s. There were thirty-six entered. Calton's Pony won the first prize; Siddall's Gip, second; Smith's Fly, third.

NEWCASTLE.

FERNHILL PARK GROUND.—The concluding heats in Mr. William Elliott's Great North of England Rabbit Coursing Handicap took place at these grounds on Saturday last, being a tidy muster of the canine fancy. This is the most extensive event of the kind that has ever taken place in the North, and when it is remembered that not less than 90 of the picked dogs belonging to the surrounding counties entered for competition, it will be seen the sport was of a first-rate order. The heats on the whole were very evenly contested; poor pussy, however, was very rarely allowed more than 100 yds. freedom previous to annihilation. The first race contained 22 heats, the first being won by Mr. G. Bolton's Buttery, 16in, defeating Mr. J. Singleton's Jack, 15in; Heat 2: Mr. W. Riley's Peachum, 16, first; Heat 3: Mr. W. Johning's Turk, 15; Heat 4: Mr. W. Walton's Liz, 16, beat Mr. R. Stephenson's Nelly, 14; Heat 5: Mr. J. Fulton's Sport, 17, beat Mr. G. Goudry's Beas, 14; Heat 6: Mr. J. Bell's Little Herring, 15; Heat 7: Mr. J. Liddell's Maceon Lad, 16; Heat 8: Mr. T. Nichol's Royal Sovereign, 17, beat Mr. J. Golden's Leach, 18; Heat 9: Mr. Scott's Devil, 15; Heat 10: Mr. J. Daley's Jingle, 18; Heat 11: Mr. J. Daley's Trip the Daisy, 15; Heat 12: Mr. Jones's Old Meg, 16; Heat 13: Mr. J. Davidson's Jingle, 16, beat Mr. Johning's Willy, 15; Heat 14: Mr. Walton's Liz, 16, beat Mr. H. Conway's Tramp, 16; Heat 15: Mr. Jones's Jingle Johnny, 14; Heat 16: Mr. Sewell's Chaudron, 15; Heat 17: Mr. Kennedy's Bob, 16; Heat 18: Mr. J. Victoria's Nell, 14; Heat 19: Mr. G. Thompson's Cookey, 15; Heat 20: Mr. R. Bowler's Smuggler, 14; Heat 21: Mr. J. Daley's Fat Lass, 15; Heat 22: Mr. H. Dunn's Van, 15; Heat 23: Mr. Kennedy's Polly, 16; Heat 24: Mr. S. Liddell's Peggy Taft, 14; Heat 25: Mr. W. Walton's Pigeon Shooter, 17, beat Mr. J. Thompson's Meg, 16; Heat 26: Mr. J. Daley's Smuggler, 16, beat Mr. T. Coxon's Fly, 14; Heat 27: There was a little betting on this heat, at 5 to 4 on the winner, it was a first-class kill. Heat 28: Mr. J. Ray's Jingle Johnny, 17, beat Mr. G. Beesley's Volteux, 16; Heat 29: Mr. Thompson's Happy Jack, 15; Heat 30: Mr. Stephenson's Blin Cookey, 17. The result of this heat was a thorough drop, as much as 2 to 1 being laid on the loser, with scarcely a single taker. Heat 31: Mr. T. Oxberry's Kettledrum, 15; Heat 32: Mr. J. Foster's Beas, 15; Heat 33: Mr. W. Morton's Underhand, 16, claimed a bye. Second Ties.—Heat 1: Underhand beat Buttery. Heat 2: Liz, 16, beat Peachum, after running one "no go." Heat 3: Sport beat Little Herring. Heat 4: Royal Sovereign beat Devil. Heat 5: Trip the Daisy beat Jingle, 16; Heat 6: Liz beat Jingle Johnny. Heat 7: Bob beat Coquet. Heat 8: Phebe beat Topper. Heat 9: Polly Lass beat Polly. Heat 10: Pigeon Shooter beat Smuggler. Heat 11: Kewick beat Happy Jack. Heat 12: Kettledrum claimed a bye. Third Ties.—Kettledrum beat Underhand. Heat 2: Spot beat Liz. Heat 3: Trip the Daisy beat Royal Sovereign. Heat 4: Liz beat Bob. Heat 5: Fat Lass beat Kewick. Fourth Ties.—Heat 1: Kettledrum beat Sport. Heat 2: Liz beat Trip the Daisy. Heat 3: Fat Lass beat Pigeon Shooter. Fifth Ties.—Kettledrum beat Liz, the latter receiving third money. The contesting 60 lay between Kettledrum and Fat Lass. The chase was not very exciting as Fat Lass collared pussy almost immediately, thereby winning the first prize,

viz. £7; Kettledrum, who was second, receiving £2, and Liz £1. This finished some capital sport. There was not the slightest dissatisfaction manifested in the result. The courting lasted from 11:25 a.m. till 1:32 p.m. without intermission. Mr. W. Henricks was stager.

SHOOTING.

HORNSEY WOOD.

SATURDAY, Feb. 14.—There was a large muster of gentlemen at these well-known grounds on Saturday, to witness a private contest of four matches; the first at six pigeons each, second at twelve each, third at twelve each, and the fourth at six each. A gentleman enjoying in the initial of P. won three out of the four, as will be seen by the following scores:—

D. 110110—110111111101—11101
C101011—0111110
P. 11111—111011111001—11111
1000111—111101

After the above, five entered at £1 each, for £5 and the silver watch which had been announced to be given away by Mrs. Stokes. Mr. Box won the first

prize, killing all his birds, and Messrs. Page, Moore, and Brown tied or the second, which was eventually won by Mr. Brown. Score:—

Mr. Box..... 1 1 1 1 1—Won £5
Mr. Page..... 0 0 1 1 1—
Mr. Brown 0 1 1 1 0—Won the silver watch.
Mr. Wilson 1 0 1 0 1—0

BIRMINGHAM.

GRAND FIELD DAY AT WILMCOCK, NEAR TAWMORTH.—On Monday last, consequent on Messrs. Porter and Picken's latest match being announced to come off, the sportsmen of Birmingham and district mustered in overwhelming force at the Queen's Head, Wilmcock, near Tawmorth, the seat of Sir Robert Peel, Bart., the well-known merits of these great guns attracting all the sporting talent for many miles round; and the Queen's Head was evidently somewhat turned at the calls upon her supplies of the liquors of life—the ancient hostility, which is in itself a study for an antiquarian, witnessing such a babel of the ordinary conflicting blab of humanity as may readily account for such little indications on the part of the sportsmen as bringing "brandy not" to the call for a "plum ale," and such like. However, the day being still very short, and plenty of out-door work in store, a hasty bon jour, au revoir was bid to the venerable building, for the pleasures of the field, which were considerably heightened by an almost cloudless day. The number of vehicles of every description, which kept pouring in from all quarters, was truly surprising, the company being not only very numerous but highly fashionable, the gentry round being very strongly represented. Shortly after eleven, all being in readiness, Mr. Thurstfield, gunmaker, of Birmingham sporting celebrity, was accepted as referee, and business at once commenced, the match being at 21 pigeons each, for £10 a side, 17 yds. also, other conditions as usual.

Mr. Picken .. 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 0 1 1 1 1
" Porter .. 1 0 1 0 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 1
" 1 0 1 1 0 1

As the match progressed, the excitement became intense, but did not away the betting, which throughout ruled at even. Picken for choice. Mr. Picken's 18th and 20th birds were apparently killed, dropping beautifully from the gun, but on going to secure them nature's expiring (and in the present case provoking) effort just enabled them to get out of bounds, leaving him this highly interesting match; shortly after the conclusion of which a lion, sweepstakes, at one bird each (pigeons), on usual conditions, was not between six gentlemen present, of which the following is the result:—

Mr. Picken .. 0
" Dodwell .. 0
" Ballard .. 1 1 1
" Swift .. 0
" Job .. 0
" Clayton .. 0
" Mr. Ballard divided with Mr. Dodwell, a dead shot. A second sweep now followed, for which ten gentlemen competed, on the same conditions as the above.

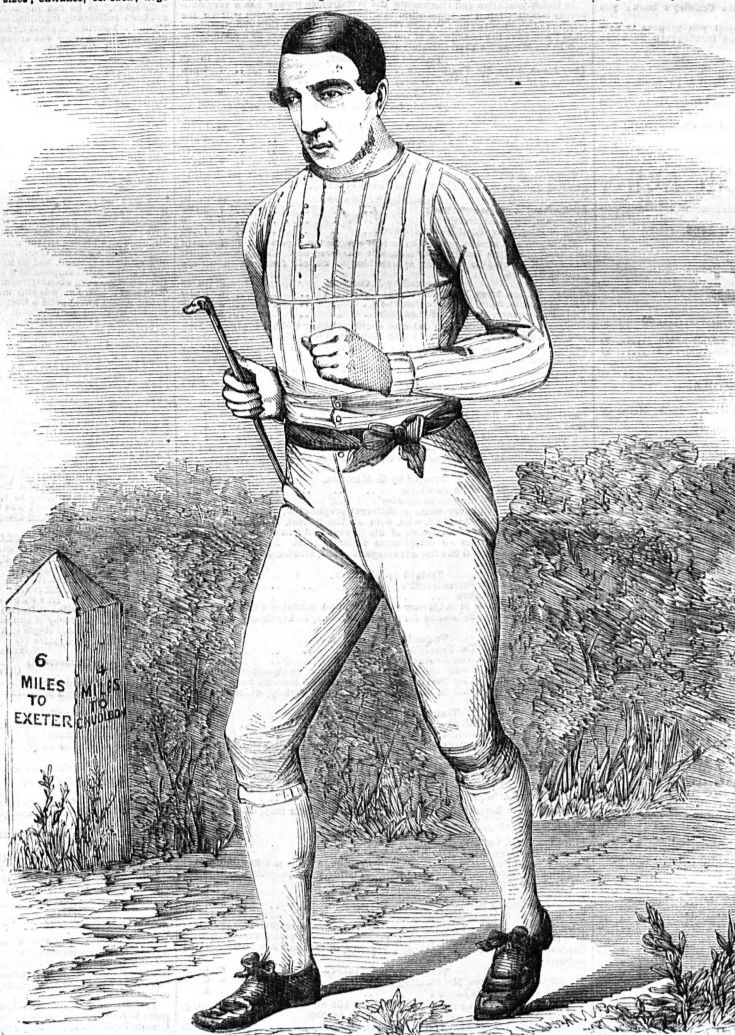
Mr. Ballard .. 1 0
" Baker .. 0
" Picken .. 1 1 1
" Luckman .. 1 1 1
" Butler .. 0
" Porter .. 1 0
" Clayton .. 0
" Thurstfield .. 1 1 0
" Dodwell .. 1 1 0
" Ash .. 0

The birds marked thus "were" dropped," but rose again, and quitted the boundary with flying colours, only to pay nature's debt after having cleverly sold the respective sportsmen. Messrs. Picken and Luckman divided. Finally, the sweepstakes, Mr. Austin Roberts, of Birmingham, officiated as referee, with much satisfaction to all present. The luncheon, which were beyond all praise, were supplied by Mr. Simpson, and the pigeons, which were equally good, by Mr. Woodlaw.

INTERESTING MATCH FOR A VALUABLE PRIZE.—On Monday the sporting community of Birmingham and the district assembled in strong force at Birchfields to shoot a match for an exceedingly handsome pigeon gun, value ten guineas, of the manufacture of Messrs. Ferriss, of Worcester, twenty members at the each, three birds each; conditions as usual. Subjoined is the score:—

Mr. Wright .. 1 1 1 1
" Johnson .. 1 0
" T. R. Thomas .. 1 1 1 1
" Team .. 0
" Mills .. 0
" Dakin .. 1 1 1 1
" Butler .. 1 1 1 1
" Sheepcoat .. 1 0
" Brooks .. 1 1 1 1
" Ferriss (Worcester) 1 1 1 1
" Bennett .. 1 0
" Perrins (Birmingham) 0
" Jude .. 0
" M. S. .. 0
" Brown .. 0
" Gardner (Evesham) 1 1 1 1
" Thurstfield .. 0
" R. Porter .. 0
" Do. do, 2nd ticket .. 0
" Arnold .. 0

Six of the gentlemen were—Messrs. Wright, Thomas (whose shooting, as usual, was brilliant), Butler, Brooks, Ferriss, of Worcester, and Gardner, of Evesham (a dead shot)—it was agreed to shoot of the match on a day to be agreed upon. A few short sweepstakes followed, and the company returned to Mr. Thomas's hostelry, the Malt Shovel, Aston New Town, thoroughly pleased with an excellent day's sport, where an elaborate dinner awaited them.



MOUNTJOY, THE WELL-KNOWN LONG-DISTANCE PEDESTRIAN.

(From the Original Engraving.)

AQUATICS.

REGATTAS AND MATCHES TO COME.

MARCH.

- 4-Oxford University Boat Club-Torrida.
- 10-Durham handicap skiff race.
- APRIL.
- 2-Temple Yacht Club-Opening trip, Chatham.
- 6-Cannes Regatta, South of France.
- 11-Brown and Cookson-to row on the Ribble, for a Cup.
- 14-Chambers and Everson-to row from Putney to Mortlake, £200 a side, Chambers receiving £25.
- 20-Carter and Chapman to row Fenton and Kemp from Putney to Barnes, £25 a side.
- MAY.
- 5-Diffin and Kilby-to row from Putney to Mortlake, £25 a side.
- 7-Norfolk and Suffolk Yacht Club-Opening cruise.
- 11-Southampton Amateur Regatta Club-Opening match for the Silver Goblet.
- 12-Temple Yacht Club-Sailing match. Entries close May 4.
- 18-Hoare and Tegg-to row from Putney to Mortlake, £25 a side.
- JUNE.
- 16-Durham Regatta.
- 18-Royal Western Yacht Club of Ireland-Regatta.
- 20-Royal Mersey Yacht Club Regatta.

expressed himself in satisfactory terms. The worthy host next received an ovation for his straightforwardness. The press, supplied with the *Newcastle Daily Chronicle* and *Illustrated Sporting News*, was given and responded with much cheer. During the evening the company were kept in ecstasies with the harmony of Mr. Westoby, Mr. Blair, J. Taylor, J. Kennedy and others; and it was not until the dawning of another day that necessity proclaimed a dissolution of one of the most agreeable of convivial gatherings.

CORSAIR ROWING CLUB.

At a committee meeting of this club, held on the 13th inst, the following races were arranged for the ensuing season:- May 30th: pair-oared outrigger giga, with coxswain, to start 5.30; entries to close (at the club-room, Simond's, Putney) on the 25th April; prizes given by Mr. Moore, June 20: club fours, start 4.30; entries to close on the 1st June; entrance fees, 5s. July 18th: junior sculls, start four o'clock; entries to close on the 6th July. Captain's prize: entrance fees of 5s. to go towards a prize for second boat. August 15th: pair-oared outriggers, start 5.30; entries to close 3rd August. August 22nd: scratch four, start 6.30; entrance fees, 5s. September 19th:

A GREAT INTERNATIONAL ROWING MATCH.-HAMILL CHALLENGES ALL ENGLAND.

(From *Witkes New York Spirit of the Times*, Feb. 7th.)

By the following correspondence, which has been forwarded us for publication, it will be seen that Hamill, the Pittsburg Champion, and his brother, Mr. Fleming, are desirous of arranging a match with the best man England can produce as a sculler. We consider the proposition of Hamill so fair and straightforward that we doubt not of its immediate acceptance, by one of other of the most prominent of English scullers. The stake is large, and the laurels tempting, if any English champion can be found who can snatch them from the brow of Hamill.

We first insert the letter of Hamill's brother, and to it append the challenge of the former.

DEAR SPIRIT.-With this I send you a communication, signed James Hamill, Hamill, to which, if your columns are not too much crowded, please give publicity.

Hamill is anxious to try his hand once again, and promising that Ward would not row him again he thinks of testing his ability with those on the other side of the water, provided they will row the matches on American waters. As his brother, my business will not permit me to absent myself for such a length of time as it would require to go to the other side, and to prosecute the exchange, if we got beat it would be giving great odds. I hope, dear Spirit, you will use your influence, as you have heretofore in international affairs, to bring about these matches. Persuade those from the other side that at present they can dispose of their exchange at a vast premium, and the probabilities are (if you do not disappoint in *Fighting Joe Moore*) by the time our races are over they will be anxious to get on a par with Hamill, thus making a good thing on the exchange alone. In the event of this challenge being accepted, I would propose that one-half the stakes be placed in your hands as forfeit upon the signing articles, the balance to be paid up the day previous to the first race. - Respectfully yours, JOSEPH EASTON.

PITTSBURGH, January 25th, 1863.

DEAR SPIRIT.-In a recent issue of your valuable paper, I noticed that the great scullers of England, Chambers, Everson and Green, had come to a deadlock, in consequence of which Everson was anxious to get on a par with any man in the world. Upon reflection, I have concluded to accept this challenge, or at least signify my desire to do so, in hopes that by your assistance a meeting may be brought about. I think I might say that it would be next to an impossibility for me to leave this country, but if either of the above named gentlemen think it would justify them to meet me in American waters, say the Harlem course, New York, where a fair, honorable race could be had, such as Mr. Ward and myself had on the Schuylkill, I will row him two scull races, the first three, and the second five miles, turning buoys as usual, for a purse of 2,000 dollars, each race. The second to come off one week after the first. I might add that one inducement I could offer the English party to come to this side, and my New York friends can testify to the same-to offset the small purse Pittsburgers will cover all the money they bring to invest, so it ever so much. I would wait the races to come on in May or June.

Respectfully yours, JAMES HAMILL.

P.S.-Since writing the above, I have received the last number of your paper, and find that Chambers and Everson have finally come to terms. Green, I presume, is awaiting his turn, and whilst so doing might not take a trip to this side, being somewhat of a traveller already. I will row him the same races that I have proposed to Messrs. Everson and Chambers. I am opposed to rowing for a large amount, my object being to learn more to test my ability as a sculler. Still I would, if it were absolutely necessary to insure a race with either of the three gentlemen, increase the stakes to 3,000 dollars each race, that is, 1,500 dollars a side. Should I not accept this challenge, I will row the winner of the champion race.

J. H.

BOWLING.

GEORGE EASTON, of Ouseburn, will bowl Matthew Colson, of Spital Tongues, if Colson will bowl a score against Easton's 15oz, over Newcastle Moor for 43 Saturday night, from 7 to 9 o'clock, to make the match and settle all preliminaries.

BILLIARDS.

WHO IS TO BE THE AMERICAN BILLIARD CHAMPION? This is a question more easily asked than replied to, and at present about as difficult a nut to crack as "Who's to be King of Greece?" The veteran Phelan's application has set the young knights of the cue hard at work to perfect themselves, and emulation runs high. Goldsmith came out with a challenge to play any man, bar Phelan, for from 500 dollars to 1,000 dollars. Kavanagh would take it up at once, his present situation, Goldsmith and Kavanagh played a private match that needs points on the 27th ult, at Geary's Saloon, in Courtland-street, where the former scored more than 144-250 after game. Runs of 179 and 125 were scored by Goldsmith, and he completed his 500 in ten innings. Big thing, indeed! If he can keep that feat up all the time the back seats will soon be all occupied by the billiardists' "try it on." In the meantime, who is to be billiard champion of America, and afterwards champion of the world, by beating Old Bill Yards himself-Roberts? - *New York Clipper*.



TED BROWN, OF HULL.

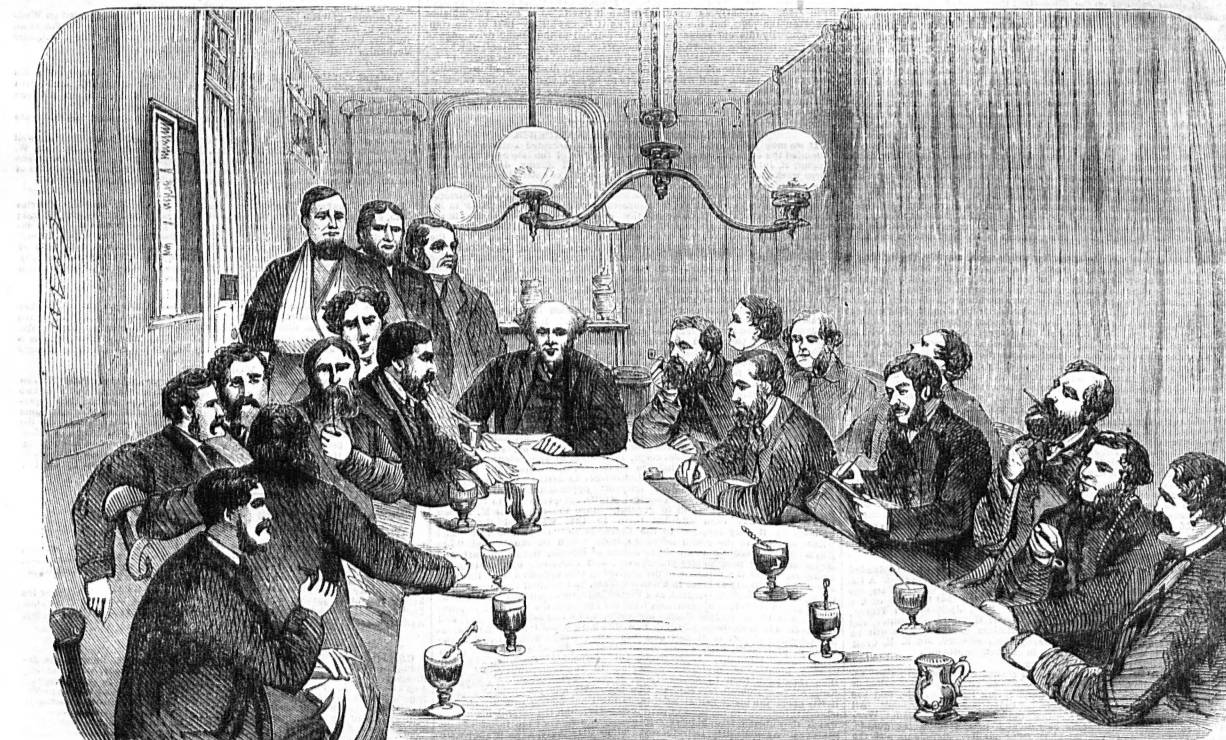
(From a Photograph by J. Pearce Ford, of Great Yarmouth.)

senior sculls, start six o'clock; entries to close on the 7th September. October 17th: club pairs, outrigger giga, with coxswain; start 4.30; entries to close on the 5th October; entrance fees, 5s.

NEW ROWING CLUB AT DURHAM.

A MEETING was held on Wednesday week at Kelsay's, Bowes Arms Hotel, Market-place, Durham, to consider the propriety of establishing a Tradesmen's Rowing Club, based on the rules of the principal Tradesmen's Clubs in the metropolis. Between thirty and forty gentlemen were present, all of whom evinced great desire for the speedy formation of the club. Mr. W. Sarsfield was called to the chair, when he read over a code of rules he had prepared, nearly all of which were unanimously agreed to. The subscription is to be paid monthly, and, as a slight inducement to those who are about to become members and join before the 1st of March, no entrance fee will be required. The "City of Durham Rowing Club" will be the title of the society, and we wish it all success. It is expected that it will be the means of bringing the annual regatta of thirty late greater note. The regatta this year will take place on the 15th and 16th of June. The following gentlemen were elected to constitute the provisional committee, viz.-Messrs. William Howe (secretary), Henry Marshall, jun. (treasurer), G. Dixon, Sewby, E. D. Marshall, R. S. Reed, H. Newton, and W. Sarsfield. It was proposed to take the premises belonging to the late Mr. C. T. Eddy as a boat house.

MR. JAMES HAMILL.



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POSTING THE DEPOSIT ON SATURDAY LAST AT HARRY KELLY'S FOR THE GREAT MATCH FOR THE CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE THAMES BETWEEN EVERSON AND CHAMBERS.

(From a Drawing by our own Artist)



JOE COBURN, THE GREAT AMERICAN PUGILIST.

(From a Photograph.)

